

Army Now Considering Parole

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OKLAHOMA CITY — (AP) — There are indications an Army panel considering the clemency plea of Lt. William L. Calley has recommended lifting some of the restrictions now imposed on him or possibly suggested some form of pa-

role, the Daily Oklahoman says.

The newspaper said in today's editions it had learned that three clemency and parole officers who interviewed Calley Monday had submitted a report favorable to Calley, found guilty in March 1971 of slaying 22 ci-

vilians during the My Lai massacre in Vietnam.

The newspaper added: "There were indications the panel may have suggested lifting some of the restrictions now imposed or even some form of parole."

The Oklahoman said a "highly regarded source"

told it the parole officers felt the 18 months he has been under house arrest at Ft. Benning, Ga.; pending appeal "almost amounted to cruel and unusual punishment."

The Oklahoman said the recommendations of the parole and clemency officers

for My Lai's Lt. Calley

were submitted yesterday to the commanding general at Ft. Benning, Maj. Gen. Orwin C. Talbott. It said Talbott will add his recommendation to those of the panel and forward them to the Army and Air Force Clemency and Parole Board in Washington.

The newspaper quoted Army sources as saying the parole board will forward the recommendations to Army Secretary Robert F. Froehlke "at which time an announcement will be made on what the action was."

Calley originally was sen-

tenced to life in prison for the slayings at My Lai. The sentence later was reduced to 20 years.